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AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits of mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, woodcock, common snipe, gallinules, and teal in September, in the contiguous United States; sea ducks in certain defined areas of the Atlantic Flyway; ducks in September in Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Florida; sandhill cranes in designated portions of North Dakota and South Dakota; and migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands during 1981–82. The taking of these migratory birds is prohibited unless hunting seasons are specifically provided. The rules will permit the hunting of these species within specified periods of time beginning as early as September 1, as has been the case in past years, and benefit the public by relieving existing restrictions.

DATE: Effective on August 21, 1981.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918 (40 Stat. 755; 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), as amended, authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior, having due regard for the zones of temperature and for the distribution, abundance, economic value, breeding habits, and times and lines of flight of migratory game birds to determine when, to what extent, and by what means such birds or any part, nest, or egg thereof may be taken, hunted, captured, killed, possessed, sold, purchased, shipped, carried, exported, or transported.

On March 25, 1981, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter the Service) published for public comment in the **Federal Register** (46 FR 18666) proposals to amend 50 CFR Part 20, with comment periods ending July 16 and August 24, 1981, respectively, for the 1981–82 early and late hunting frameworks. That document dealt with the establishment of hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107 and 20.109 of Subpart K. On July 8, 1981, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (46 FR 35316) a second document consisting of a supplemental proposed rulemaking dealing with both the early and late season frameworks. On July 13, 1981, the Service published for public comment in the **Federal Register** (46 FR 35056) a third document consisting of a proposed rulemaking dealing specifically with frameworks for early migratory bird hunting regulations. On July 29, 1981, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (46 FR 38868) a fourth document consisting of a final rulemaking for the early season frameworks for migratory game bird hunting regulations from which State wildlife conservation agency officials selected early season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits for the 1981–82 season. On August 17, 1981, the Service published for public comment in the **Federal Register** (46 FR 41736) a fifth document consisting of proposed rulemaking dealing specifically with frameworks for late season migratory bird hunting regulations. This document is the sixth in this year's regulatory cycle and consists of final rulemaking amending Subpart K of 50 CFR 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, woodcock, snipe, and gallinules; September teal seasons; sea ducks in certain defined areas of the Atlantic Flyway; ducks in September in Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Florida; sandhill cranes in designated portions of North Dakota and South Dakota; and migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Nontoxic Shot Regulations

On June 12, 1981, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (46 FR 31010) proposed rules describing nontoxic shot zones for waterfowl hunting. When eaten by waterfowl, spend lead pellets can have a toxic effect. Nontoxic shot zones reduce availability of lead pellets in selected waterfowl feeding areas. The final regulations on nontoxic shot zones were published on August 13, 1981 (46 FR 40879).

NEPA Consideration

The "Final Environmental Statement for the Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (FES 75–54)" was filed with the Council on Environmental Quality on June 6, 1975, and notice of availability was published in the **Federal Register** on June 13, 1975 (40 FR 24241). The final environmental assessment on shooting hours (42 FR 36495; July 15, 1977) supplemented the discussion on shooting hours in FES 75–54. Likewise, an environmental assessment on September dove hunting (42 FR 37552; July 22, 1977) supplemented the discussion on dove hunting in FES–75–54.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act provides that, "The Secretary shall review other programs administered by him and utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act," and "by taking such action necessary to insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out * * * is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of such endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or modification of habitat of such species * * * which is determined to be critical."

Consequently, the Service reviewed all regulations frameworks being contemplated this year for season lengths, limits, shooting hours, and outside dates within which States may select seasons for mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, rails, woodcock, snipe, and gallinules; for September teal seasons; for sea ducks in certain defined areas of the Atlantic Flyway; for experimental September duck seasons in four States; for sandhill cranes in designated portions of North Dakota and South Dakota; and special falconry regulations. As a result of intra-Service Section 7 consultation, the Chief, Office of Endangered Species, stated in a biological opinion dated June 15, 1981, "* * * your action, as proposed, is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the above listed species [Aleutian Canada goose, Everglade kite, bald eagle, American peregrine falcon, Arctic peregrine falcon, and whooping crane] and the Critical Habitat of the American peregrine falcon and the whooping crane." As reported in the **Federal Register** dated July 13, 1981 (at 46 FR 36060), Section 7 consultation for the proposed frameworks for Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands was concluded on May 15, 1981, with a satisfactory biological opinion.

As in the past, hunting regulations this year are designed, among other things, to remove or alleviate chances of conflict between seasons for migratory game birds and the protection and conservation of endangered and threatened species.

The Service's biological opinions resulting from its consultation under Section 7 are considered public documents and are available for inspection in the Office of Endangered Species and the Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior.

Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12291

Pursuant to Executive Order 12291, the Department has determined that this rule is a major rule, and has significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq). In the **Federal Register** dated March 25, 1981 (at 46 FR 18669), the Service described measures it was taking to comply with new requirements on Federal agencies in developing new rules. A summary of an initial regulatory impact analysis was included in the same **Federal Register**

The Service subsequently completed a final regulatory impact and flexibility analysis on June 30, 1981. The abstract of the final analysis follows.

A Final Regulatory Impact Analysis (FRIA) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual hunting regulations frameworks for migratory game birds was undertaken to fulfill requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12291. The FRIA initially reviews legal, biological, administrative, sociolgical, and other considerations which have been utilized by the Service since 1918 in establishing the annual migratory bird hunting regulations. These regulations are developed under the authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which implements the four migratory bird treaties which the United States shares with other nations (Canada, Mexico, Japan, and the U.S.S.R.).

Analytical emphasis was placed on daily bag limits for ducks and season length alternatives, assuming that only a predetermined harvest could be extracted from the fall flight of ducks. Data used in the analysis were derived from national waterfowl harvest surveys, the 1975 Waterfowl Hunter Attitudes Survey, and the 1975 National Hunting and Fishing Survey. Inasmuch as changes in season length and bag limit usually change together, neither can be analyzed independently. Consequently, a Regulations Index or RI (the product of days of season times daily bag limit) was developed to facilitate the analysis. RI's were found to vary markedly by flyway, as did hunter participation and harvests in relation to the RI's. In some flyways (e.g., Pacific Flyway), regulations appeared to be at or beyond their capabilities in generating additional hunting pressure and harvest. Conversely, in the Mississippi Flyway, relatively small regulatory changes resulted in substantial changes in hunting activity and success. Hunters availed themselves of only about 4 percent of the hunting opportunity theoretically affored by the Federal regulations. Other factors had more influence on hunting activity, and consequently hunter expenditures, than the regulations themselves.

Two major alternatives to the basic hunting regulations effective in 1975 were studied by conventional economics procedures. In Alternative 1 the daily bag limit was increased by one duck while the season length was appropriately reduced to ensure that the same theoretical harvest would be achieved. From the analysis, it was estimated that the $193 million expended by hunters under the basic regulations in effect in 1975 would have been reduced 4.7 percent, or $9.05 million, had this alternative been in effect. Under Alternative 2, a decrease in the daily bag limit of 1 duck and a compensating season length increase to ensure that the same harvest would be achieved resulted in a theoretical economic gain of 8.6 percent, or $16.7 million. Most of the gain was in the Mississippi Flyway, which already accounts for about 40–42 percent of the nationwide hunting activity and harvest.

In view of the relatively small changes in the two options, and the fact that one would represent increased economic benefits while the other would impact negatively suggests that the Federal hunting regulations have been relatively effective in achieving optimum economic benefits even though they were not primarily set with that objective in mind. Under both options, some redistribution of hunting opportunity and hence hunter expenditures would result. Economic gains would materialize in some areas while others would experience economic losses. The potential problems resulting from such changes would outweigh the relatively small economic gains they might achieve.

Furthermore, an intention to embark upon a cooperative study of stablized season lengths and bag limits for ducks in conjunction with a similar investigation being conducted in Canada was announced in August 1979. The 1980 duck hunting regulations and those being proposed for the 1981–82 season are based on this concept. To alter season lengths and bag limits at this time would force termination of the study, which has broad support in both nations; and in the United States among the States, waterfowl flyway councils, hunters, and the public. The aim of this study is to measure and evaluate variations in hunter participation and harvest while regulations are unchanged but other factors are allowed to fluctuate normally. The study should provide important information on relationships between regulations and other variable factors on hunting activity, harvests, and waterfowl populations.

A diligent search for additional economics information relating to the benefits of migratory bird hunting upon small and other entities was unsuccessful. A special survey designed to gather presently unavailable information on hunter expenditures, impacts upon small and other entities, and additional hunter activity and harvest information would cost an estimated $382,500. Any additional economic benefits which might result from an expanded effort would be minor. Also, regulatory changes necessary for economic gains would likely impact adversely upon other considerations involved in the migratory bird management and regulations setting process. The expanded survey would place a new burden on the public and would be counterproductive in terms of the Federal and State conservation agencies' limited resources.

Finally, the annual migratory bird hunting regulations obviously are permissive rather than restrictive in nature inasmuch as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act provides that no hunting of migratory birds may occur unless regulations are expressly established.

The Service's FRIA was planned so that it would suffice for both the early and late season final regulations. Copies of the final analysis are available upon request from the Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Authorship

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Regulations Promulgation

After analysis of migratory game bird survey data obtained through investigations conducted by the Service, State conservation agencies, and other sources, and consideration of all comments received on the early proposals (46 FR 18666, March 25, 1981; 46 FR 35316, July 8, 1981, and 46 FR 36056, July 13, 1981), the Service published in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 1981 (46 FR 38868) final early season frameworks for contiguous United States, Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Hawaii. Copies of the final frameworks were also sent to the officials of the State conservation agencies and to conservation agency officials in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands who were invited to submit recommendations for hunting seasons which complied with the season times and lengths, hours, areas, and limits specified in the frameworks.

The taking of the designated species of migratory birds is prohibited unless open hunting seasons are specifically provided. The following amendments will permit taking of the designated species within specified time periods beginning as early as September 1, as has been the case in past years, and benefit the public by relieving existing restrictions.

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, the Service intends that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the

regulations. Thus, when proposed rulemakings were published on March 25, July 8, and July 13, 1981, the Service established what it believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, the Service recognized that when the comment period closed time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, the States would have insufficient time to select their season dates, shooting hours, hunting areas, and limits; to communicate those selections to the Service; and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. The Service therefore finds that "good cause" exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) (Administrative Procedure Act), and these regulations will, therefore, take effect immediately upon publication.

Accordingly, each State conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now to be prescribed, and consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of Title 50, Chapter I, Subchapter B, Part 20, Subpart K, are amended as follows:

1. Section 20.101 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.101 Seasons, limits and shooting hours for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting and hawking hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

(a) *Puerto Rico.*

	Doves	Pigeons
Daily bag limit	10 singly or in the aggregate of all permitted species.	5
Possession limit	10 singly or in the aggregate of all permitted species.	5
Season dates	September 5 to November 2, 1981.	.....
Shooting hours	One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.	.....

Restrictions: Only the following species of doves and pigeons may be hunted during the open season: Zenaida dove (*Tortola cardosantera*); white-winged dove (*Tortola aliblanca o cubanita*); mourning dove (*Tortola rabilarga o rabiche*); and scaly-naped pigeon (*Paloma turca o torcaz*).

Closed Areas.

No season is prescribed for doves and pigeons on Mona Island in order to give the reduced population of white-crowned pigeon (*Columba leucocephala*), known locally as "Paloma cabeciblanca," a chance to recover.

No season is prescribed for doves and pigeons in the Municipality of Culebra and on Desecheo Island.

No season is prescribed in El Verde Closure Area consisting of those areas of the municipalities of Rio Grande and Loiza delineated as follows: (1) all lands between Routes 956 on the west and 186 on the east, from Route 3 on the north to the juncture of Routes 956 and 186 (Km 13.2) in the south; (2) all lands between Routes 186 and 966 from the juncture of 186 and 966 on the north, to the Caribbean National Forest Boundary on the south; (3) all lands lying west of Route 186 for one (1) kilometer from the juncture of Routes 186 and 956 south to Km 6 on Route 186; (4) all lands within Km 14 and Km 6 on the west and the Caribbean National Forest Boundary on the east; and (5) all lands within the Caribbean National Forest Boundary whether private or public.

No season is prescribed for doves and pigeons of any species in all of Cidra Municipality and in portions of Aguas Buenas, Caguas, Cayey, and Comerio Municipalities as encompassed within the following boundary: beginning on Highway 172 as it leaves the Municipality of Cidra on the west edge, north to Highway 156, east on Highway 156 to Highway 1, south on Highway 1 to Highway 765, south on Highway 765 to Highway 763, south on Highway 763 to the Rio Guavata, west along the Rio Guavata to Highway 1, southwest on Highway 1 to Highway 14, west on Highway 14 to Highway 729, north on Highway 729 to Cidra Municipality, and westerly, northerly, and easterly along the Cidra Municipality boundary to the point of beginning.

Check Commonwealth regulations for additional restrictions.

(b) *Puerto Rico.*

	Ducks	Coots	Common gallinules	Common snipe
Daily bag limits	4	6	6	6
Possession limits	8	12	12	12
Season dates—December 5, 1981, through January 27, 1982.				
Shooting hours—One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily.				

Restrictions: No season is prescribed for waterfowl in the Municipality of Culebra and on Desecheo Island. The season is closed on the ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*); Bahama pintail (*Anas bahamensis*); West Indian whistling (tree) duck (*Dendrocygna arborea*); fulvous whistling (tree) duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*); masked duck (*Oxyura dominica*); and purple gallinule (*Prophyrula martinica*).

Check Commonwealth regulations for additional restrictions.

Note.—Local names for game birds: Ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)—Pato rojo (protected); purple gallinule (*Porphyrula martinica*)—Gallareta azul (protected); and Puerto Rican plain pigeon (*Columba inornata wetmorei*)—Paloma sabanera (protected).

(c) *Virgin Islands.*

	Zenaida dove	Scaly-naped pigeon	Ducks
Daily bag limits	10	5	4
Possession limits	10	5	8
Season dates:			
Zenaida dove and scaly-naped pigeon—September 1 through October 30, 1981.			
Ducks only—December 6, 1981, through January 29, 1982.			
Shooting hours—One half-hour before sunrise until sunset daily.			

Restrictions: No open season is prescribed for ground or quail doves, or other pigeons in the Virgin Islands. The season is closed on the ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*); Bahama pintail (*Anas bahamensis*); West Indian whistling (tree) duck (*Dendrocygna arborea*); fulvous whistling (tree) duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*); masked duck (*Oxyura dominica*), and purple gallinule (*Porphyurula martinica*).

Check Commonwealth regulations for additional restrictions.

Note.—Local names for game birds: Zenaida dove (*Zenaida aurita*)—mountain dove; bridled quail dove (*Geotrygon mystacea*)—Barbary dove, partridge (protected); ground dove (*Columbina passerina*)—stone dove, tobacco dove, rola, tortolita (protected); and scaly-naped pigeon (*Columba squamosa*)—red-necked pigeon, scaled pigeon.

2. Section 20.102 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.102 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Alaska.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting and hawking hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

Open Seasons—Ducks, Geese, Cranes and Common Snipe

Area		
Northern	State Game Mgmt. Units: 11–13 and 17–26.	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Gulf Coast	State Game Mgmt. Units: 5–7, 9, 14–16, and Unimak Island.	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.

Open Seasons—Ducks, Geese, Cranes and Common Snipe—Continued

Area		
Southeast	State Game Mgmt. Units: 1–4	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.

Open Seasons—Ducks, Geese, Cranes and Common Snipe—Continued

Area		
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands.	State Game Mgmt. Unit 10 except Unimak Island.	Oct. 8–Jan. 22.
Kodiak	State Game Mgmt. Unit 8	Oct. 8–Jan. 22.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits

Area	Ducks[1]	Geese[2]	Emperor geese[2]	Brant	Common snipe	Sandhill cranes
Northern	10–30	6–12	6–12	4–8	8–16	2–4
Gulf Coast	8–24	6–12	6–12	4–8	8–16	2–4
Southeast	7–21	6–12	6–12	4–8	8–16	2–4
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands	7–21	[3]6–12	6–12	4–8	8–16	2–4
Kodiak	7–21	6–12	6–12	4–8	8–16	2–4

[1] In addition to the basic daily bag and possession limits, a daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 30 is permitted singly or in the aggregate of the following species: scoter, eider, oldsquaw, harlequin, and American and red-breasted mergansers.

[2] The daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 4 daily and 8 in possession of white-fronted and Canada geese, singly or in the aggregate. In addition to the daily bag and possession limits on other geese, the daily bag limit is 6 and the possession limit is 12 on emperor geese.

[3] No Canada geese may be taken in the Pribilof and Aleutian Islands west of Unimak Pass.

3. Section 20.103 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.103 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for mourning and white-winged doves and wild pigeons.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting and hawking hours and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

(a) *Mourning Doves—Eastern Management Unit.*

Daily bag limit	12
Possession limit	24

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily except as noted otherwise.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

Seasons in:	
Alabama: (Limits—12 daily and in possession)	
North Zone:[1]	
All of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Crenshaw, Dallas, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Montgomery, Pike, Russell and Wilcox Counties, and that area north of U.S. Highway 84 in Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, and Monroe Counties	
One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.	Sept. 19–Oct. 18.
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 19–Nov. 5 and Dec. 20–Jan. 10.
Remaining counties in North Zone	
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 19–Nov. 4 and Dec. 18–Jan. 9.
South Zone:[1]	
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 10–Oct. 19.
One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.	Oct. 20–Nov. 29 and Dec. 22–Jan. 9.
Connecticut	Closed.
Delaware (12 noon to sunset)	Sept. 5–Sept. 26 and Oct. 12–Oct. 31 and Dec. 17–Jan. 13.
Florida:	
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 3–Nov. 1.
One-half before sunrise to sunset.	Nov. 14–Nov. 29 and Dec. 12–Jan. 4.
Georgia:	
North Zone[2]	Sept. 5–Oct. 10 and Dec. 12–Jan. 14.
South Zone[2]	Oct. 3–Nov. 7 and Dec. 12–Jan. 14.
Illinois (12 noon to sunset)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Indiana	Closed.
Kentucky (12 noon to sunset)	Sept. 1–Oct. 31 and Nov. 26–Dec. 4.
Louisiana:	
North Zone[3]	Sept. 5–Sept. 20 and Oct. 10–Nov. 8 and Dec. 12–Jan. 4.
South Zone[3]	Oct. 10–Nov. 29 and Dec. 19–Jan. 6.
Maine	Closed.
Maryland (12 noon to sunset)	Sept. 1–Oct. 10 and Nov. 11–Nov. 27 and Dec. 21–Jan 2.
Massachusetts	Closed.
Michigan	Closed.
Mississippi	Sept. 5–Oct. 4 and Oct. 17–Nov. 8 and Dec. 26–Jan. 11.
New Hampshire	Closed.
New Jersey	Closed.
New York	Closed.
North Carolina:	
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5–Oct. 10.
One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.	Dec. 14–Jan 15.
Ohio	Closed.
Pennsylvania (12 noon to sunset)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Rhode Island: (12 noon to sunset):	
Black Hut, Buck Hill, Durfee Hill, Arcadia, Carolina, Great Swamp, Indian Cedar Swamp, and Woody Hill State Management Areas only.	Sept. 9–Sept. 13.
Statewide	Sept. 14–Sept. 30 and Oct. 17–Nov. 8 and Dec. 17–Jan. 10.
South Carolina	Sept. 5–Oct. 10 and Nov. 21–Nov. 28 and Dec. 21–Jan. 15.
Tennessee[4]	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 and Oct. 10–Oct. 25 and Dec. 19–Jan. 11.
Vermont	Closed.
Virginia:	
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5–Oct. 24.
One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.	Dec. 19–Jan. 7.
West Virginia	Sept. 1–Oct. 31 and Dec. 23–Dec. 31.
Wisconsin	Closed.

[1] In Alabama, the South Zone is defined as that area south of U.S. Highway 84 running east from the Mississippi State Line to the Covington County line, and including Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston Counties. The North Zone consists of the remainder of Alabama.

[2] In Georgia, the North Zone is defined as that area lying north of a division line as follows: U.S. Highway 280 from Columbus east to the Ocmulgee River, along the Ocmulgee River to the Altamaha River south to the western boundary of Tattnall County, north along the western boundary of Tattnall and Emanuel Counties, and east along the northern boundary of Jenkins and Screven Counties to the South Carolina State line. The South Zone consists of the remainder of Georgia.

[3] In Louisiana, the North Zone is defined as that area lying north of Interstate Highway 10 from the Texas State line to Baton Rouge, Interstate Highway 12 from Baton Rouge to Slidell, and Interstate Highway 10 from Slidell to the Mississippi State line. The South Zone consists of the remainder of Louisiana.

[4] In Tennesse, shooting hours on opening day (Sept. 1) are 12 noon to sunset.

(b) *Mourning Doves—Central Management Unit.*

In Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota:	
Daily bag limit	10
Possession limit	20
In Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas:	
Daily bag limit	12
Possession limit	24
In Arkansas, Colorado, and Wyoming:	
Daily bag limit	15
Possession limit	30

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily except as noted otherwise.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

Seasons in:	
Arkansas	Sept. 1–Oct. 4 and Dec. 19–Dec. 29.
Colorado	Sept. 1–Oct. 15.
Iowa	Closed.
Kansas	Sept. 1–Oct. 30
Minnesota	Closed.
Missouri	Sept. 1–Oct. 30

Montana	Closed.
Nebraska	Sept. 1–Oct. 15.
New Mexico (1)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 and Nov. 21–Dec. 20.
North Dakota (sunrise to sunset)	Sept. 5–Oct. 19.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1–Oct. 30.
South Dakota	Sept. 1–Sept. 20.
Texas: (2)	
North Zone: Counties of Kinney, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Culberson, Hudspeth, and El Paso.	
Shooting hours:	
12 noon until sunset	Sept. 5, 6, 12, 13.
½ hour before sunrise until sunset.	Sept. 1–4 and Sept. 7–11 and Sept. 14–Oct. 30.
Remainder of North Zone: Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.	Sept. 1–Oct. 30.
South Zone: Counties of Cameron, Willacy, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, and Maverick.	
Shooting hours:	
12 noon until sunset	Sept. 5, 6, 12, 13.
½ hour before sunrise until sunset.	Sept. 20–Oct. 29 and Jan. 2–Jan. 17.
Remainder of South Zone: Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.	Sept. 20–Nov. 2 and Jan. 2–Jan. 17.
Wyoming	Sept. 1–Oct. 15.

(1) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 12 and the possession limit is 24 white-winged and mourning doves, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

(2) In Texas, the North Zone consists of the counties of Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby and all counties north and west thereof. The South Zone consists of all counties south and east of the North Zone.

(c) *Mourning Doves—Western Management Unit.*

Daily bag limit (except as noted) 10
Possession limit (except as noted) 20

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

Seasons in:	
Arizona (1)	Sept. 1–Sept. 27 and Nov. 27–Jan. 5.
California (2)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 and Nov. 21–Dec. 10.
Idaho	Sept. 1–Oct. 20.
Nevada (2)	Sept. 1–Oct. 20.
Oregon	Sept. 1–Sept. 30.
Utah	Sept. 1–Sept. 30.
Washington	Sept. 1–Sept. 15.

(1) In Arizona during September 1 through 27 the daily bag limit is 12 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate of which no more than 6 may be white-winged doves. The possession limit is 24 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate of which no more than 12 may be white-winged doves. During November 27 through January 8, the bag and possession limits are 12 and 24 mourning doves, respectively.

(2) In those counties of California (Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino) and Nevada (Clark and Nye) having a season on white-winged doves, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20 mourning and white-winged doves, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

Notice.—Hawaii—Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, mourning doves may be taken in accordance with the State regulations.

(d) *White-winged Doves.*

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as noted otherwise.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Seasons in:			
Arizona (Statewide)	Sept. 1–Sept. 27.	6 (1)	12 (1)
California: (2)			
Counties of Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino.	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 and Nov. 21–Dec. 10.		
Remainder of State	Closed		
Nevada: (2)			
Counties of Clark and Nye.	Sept. 1–Oct. 20		
Remainder of State	Closed		
New Mexico (3)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 and Nov. 21–Dec. 20.		
Texas: (4)			
In the North Zone counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Terrell, Val Verde and Kinney, and South Zone counties of Maverick, Webb, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy.	Sept. 5, 6, 12, and 13.	10	20
Remainder of State	Closed		

(1) In Arizona during September 1 through 27 the daily bag limit is 12 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate of which no more than 6 may be white-winged doves. The possession limit is 24 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate of which no more than 12 may be white-winged doves.

(2) In designated counties of California and Nevada, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20 white-winged and mourning doves, singly or in the aggregate of both species.

(3) In New Mexico the daily bag limit is 12 and the possession limit is 24 white-winged and mourning doves, singly or in the aggregate of both species.

(4) In Texas, the shooting hours are 12 noon until sunset.

(e) *Band-tailed Pigeons.*

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions, including area descriptions.

	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Seasons in:			
Arizona (1)	Oct. 9–Nov. 7	5	10
California:			
Counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glen, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.	Sept. 26–Oct. 25.	5	5
Remainder of State	Dec. 12–Jan. 10	5	5
Colorado (1)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30.	5	10
Nevada: (1) Carson City, Douglas, and Lyon Counties only.	Sept. 26–Oct. 25.	5	5
New Mexico: (1)			
North Zone (2)	Sept. 1–Sept. 20.	5	10
South Zone (2)	Oct. 3–Oct. 22	5	10
Oregon	Sept. 12–Oct. 11.	5	5
Utah (1)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30.	5	10
Washington	Sept. 1–Sept. 30.	5	5

(1) Every hunter must have been issued and carry on his person while hunting band-tailed pigeons a properly validated special band-tailed pigeon hunting permit issued by the State conservation agency of each respective State for the open season in that State. Such a special band-tailed pigeon hunting permit will be issued upon application to the State conservation agency of the State in which hunting is to be done. Permits issued by any State will be valid in that State only. This season shall be open only in the areas described, delineated, and designated as such by Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah in their respective hunting regulations.

(2) In New Mexico the *North Zone* is defined as that area lying north and east of a line following U.S. Highway 60 from the Arizona State line east to Interstate Highway 25 at Socorro and then south along Interstate Highway 25 to the Texas State line. The *South Zone* is defined as that area lying south and west of the North Zone.

4. Section 20.104 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and common snipe.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting and hawking hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

	Rails (sora and Virginia)	Rails (clapper and king)	Woodcock	Commonsnipe
Daily bag limit	25(1)	See footnote (2)	5	8.
Possession limit	25(1)	See footnote (2)	10	16.
Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily on all species, except as noted otherwise.				
Atlantic Flyway				
Connecticut	Sept. 1–Nov. 7	Sept. 1–Nov. 7	Deferred	Deferred.
Delaware	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Oct. 12–Oct. 31 and Nov. 16–Dec. 30.	Oct. 12–Oct. 31 and Nov. 16–Dec. 30.
Florida	Sept. 2–Nov. 10	Sept. 2–Nov. 10	Dec. 5–Feb. 7	Nov. 7–Feb. 21.
Georgia	Sept. 10–Nov. 18	Sept. 10–Nov. 18	Nov. 20–Jan. 23	Nov. 20–Feb. 28.
Maine	Sept. 1–Nov. 7	Closed	Sept. 25–Nov. 28	Sept. 1–Dec. 15.
Maryland	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Oct. 12–Nov. 27 and Dec. 14–Dec. 31.	Sept. 14–Dec. 29.
Massachusetts	Sept. 1–Nov. 7	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
New Hampshire	Closed	Closed	Sept. 19–Nov. 22	Sept. 19–Nov. 22.

	Rails (sora and Virginia)	Rails (clapper and king)	Woodcock	Commonsnipe
New Jersey: (3)				
North Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Oct. 3–Nov. 26	Oct. 2–Oct. 31 and Nov. 9–Jan. 23.
South Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Oct. 24–Dec. 5 and Dec. 18–Dec. 29.	Oct. 2–Oct. 31 and Nov. 9–Jan. 23.
New York: (3)				
Northern Zone including Lake Champlain	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 23	Sept. 1–Nov. 23.
Long Island	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 23	Closed.
Remainder of State	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 23	Sept. 1–Nov. 23.
North Carolina	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Nov. 13–Jan. 16	Nov. 13–Feb. 27.
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 17–Dec. 19	Oct. 17–Dec. 19.
Rhode Island	Sept. 16–Nov. 24	Sept. 16–Nov. 24	Oct. 17–Dec. 4 and Dec. 14–Dec. 29.	Sept. 16–Dec. 4 and Dec. 14–Dec. 31.
South Carolina	Oct. 6–Dec. 14	Oct. 6–Dec. 14	Nov. 27–Jan. 30	Nov. 13–Feb. 27.
Vermont	Sept. 26–Nov. 29	Closed	Sept. 26–Nov. 29	Sept. 26–Nov 29.
Virginia	Sept. 12–Nov. 20	Sept. 12–Nov. 20	Nov. 9–Jan. 12	Oct. 17–Jan. 31.
West Virginia	Sept. 7–Nov. 14	Closed	Oct. 17–Dec. 19	Sept. 7–Dec. 22.
Mississippi Flyway				
Alabama	Nov. 10–Jan. 18	Nov. 10–Jan. 18	Nov. 28–Jan. 31	Nov. 14–Feb. 28.
Arkansas	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 1–Jan. 4	Nov. 21–Feb. 28.
Illinois	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1–Dec. 4	Sept. 12–Dec. 27.
Indiana	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 19–Nov. 22	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Iowa (4)	Sept. 5–Nov. 13	Closed	Sept. 19–Nov. 22	Sept. 5–Dec. 20.
Kentucky	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 3–Dec. 6	Oct. 3–Dec. 6.
Louisiana	Sept. 19–Nov. 27	Sept. 19–Nov. 27	Dec. 12–Feb. 14	Nov. 7–Feb. 21.
Michigan (5)	Sept. 15–Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 15–Nov. 14	Sept. 15–Nov. 14
Minnesota	Sept. 1–Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 1–Nov. 4	Sept. 1–Nov. 4.
Mississippi	Oct. 24–Jan. 1	Oct. 24–Jan. 1	Dec. 26–Feb. 28	Nov. 14–Feb. 28.
Missouri	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1–Dec. 4	Oct. 1–Dec. 4.
Ohio	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 18–Nov. 21	Sept. 1–Nov. 28 and Dec. 7–Dec. 24.
Tennessee	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 17–Nov. 22 and Feb. 1–Feb. 28.	Nov. 19–Feb. 28.
Wisconsin	Deferred	Closed	Sept. 12–Nov. 15	Deferred.
Central Flyway				
Colorado (6)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 2.
Kansas	Sept. 12–Nov. 20	Closed	Oct. 3–Dec. 6	Sept. 12–Dec. 27.
Montana (6)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred.
Nebraska (7)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 15–Nov. 18	Sept. 1–Dec. 15.
New Mexico (6)	Sept. 12–Nov. 20	Closed	Closed	Sept. 12–Dec. 13.
North Dakota	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 12–Nov. 29.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1–Nov. 8	Closed	Nov. 20–Jan. 23	Oct. 20–Feb. 3.
South Dakota (8)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Oct. 31.
Texas	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Deferred	Deferred.
Wyoming (6)	Sept. 26–Dec. 4	Closed	Closed	Sept. 26–Jan. 10.
Pacific Flyway				
Colorado (6)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 2.
Montana (6)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred.
New Mexico (6)	Sept. 12–Nov. 20	Closed	Closed	Sept. 12–Dec. 13.
Wyoming (6)	Sept. 26–Dec. 4	Closed	Closed	Sept. 26–Dec. 27.

NOTE.—No seasons are prescribed for woodcock. Snipe seasons have been deferred by all other States in the Pacific Flyway. Consult waterfowl regulations to be published later for information concerning these seasons.

(1) The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these two species.

(2) In addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails, in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, there is a daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20 clapper and king rails, singly or in the aggregate of these two species, except that the season is closed on king rails in New Jersey by State regulation. In Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, there is a daily bag limit of 15 and possession limit of 30 clapper and king rails, singly or in the aggregate of these two species.

(3) For description of zones or management units within a State, see State regulations.

(4) In Iowa, shooting hours are sunrise to sunset. Rail limits are 15 daily and 25 in possession.

(5) In Michigan, in the counties of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Tuscola, and Wayne, and adjacent Great Lakes and connecting waters, the rail and snipe seasons shall open concurrently with the duck season and run continuously in all areas through November 14.

(6) The Central Flyway portion consists of: *Colorado* and *Wyoming*—the area lying east of the Continental Divide; *Montana*—the area lying east of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties; *New Mexico*—the area lying east of the Continental Divide but outside the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation. The remainder portions of these States are in the Pacific Flyway.

(7) In Nebraska the rail limits are 10 daily and in possession.

(8) In South Dakota, the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.

NOTE.—Some States may select rail, woodcock and snipe seasons at the time they select their duck seasons in August. Consult waterfowl regulations to be published later for information concerning these seasons.

5. Section 20.105 is revised to read as follows:

§ 20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the shooting and hawking hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

(a) *Sea Ducks.* (1) An open season for taking scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks is prescribed according to the following table during the period between September 15, 1981, and January 20, 1982, in all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; in those coastal waters of New York lying in Long Island and Block Island Sounds and associated bays eastward from a line running between Miamogue Point in the Town of Riverhead to Red Cedar Point in the Town of Southampton, including any ocean waters of New York lying south of Long Island; in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and, in addition, in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least one mile of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia; and in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and/or in any tidal waters of any bay which are

separated by at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia; and provided that any such areas have been described, delineated, and designated as special duck hunting areas under the hunting regulations adopted by the respective States. In all other areas of these States and in all other States in the Atlantic Flyway, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season for ducks.

(2) The daily bag limit is 7 and the possession limit is 14, singly or in the aggregate of these species. During the regular duck season in the Atlantic Flyway, States may set, in addition to the regular limits, a daily bag limit of 7 and a possession limit of 14 scoter, eider, and oldquaw ducks, singly or in the aggregate of these species.

(3) Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions.

Seasons in:	
Connecticut	Sept. 25–Jan. 9
Delaware	Sept. 26–Jan. 9
Georgia	Deferred.
Maine	Oct. 1–Jan. 15
Maryland	Oct. 6–Jan. 20
Massachusetts	Deferred.
New Hampshire	Sept. 15–Dec. 30
New Jersey	Oct. 6–Jan. 20
New York (Long Island only)	Sept. 23–Jan. 7
North Carolina	Deferred.
Rhode Island	Deferred.
South Carolina	Deferred.
Virginia	Deferred.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 20, the shooting of *crippled* waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Virginia, and Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as being open to sea duck hunting.

Note.—States with deferred seasons may select sea duck seasons at the time they select their waterfowl seasons in August. Consult waterfowl regulations to be published later for information concerning these later seasons.

(b) *Teal.* September season: An open season for teal ducks (blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon) is prescribed according to the following table in those areas which are described, delineated, and designated in the hunting regulations of the following States:

Daily bag limit	4
Possession limit	8

Shooting hours: Sunrise until sunset daily.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions.

Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:	
Alabama [1]	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
Arkansas	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
Illinois [2]	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
Indiana [3]	Sept. 1–Sept. 9
Louisiana	Sept. 19–Sept. 27
Mississippi	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
Missouri	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
Ohio	Sept. 11–Sept. 19.
Seasons in the Central Flyway:	
Colorado [4,5]	Sept. 5–Sept. 13.
Kansas	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
New Mexico [5]	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
Oklahoma	Sept. 19–Sept. 27
Texas	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.

[1] In Alabama, shooting hours in Mobile Bay north of the causeway and south of the L&N Railroad are sunrise to 12 noon.

[2] In Illinois the shooting hours are from 7 a.m.–4 p.m. local time by State regulation.

[3] The Kankakee and LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Areas, and portions of Atterbury, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, and Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Areas are closed to teal hunting by State regulations.

[4] Only in Lake and Chaffee Counties, and that portion of Colorado east of U.S. Highway-Colorado State Highway 85 from the Wyoming State line to its intersection with U.S. Interstate Highway 25 to the New Mexico State line.

[5] Central Flyway portion only.

(c) *Gallinules.*

Daily bag limit	15
Possession limit	30

Shooting hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions.

Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway:	
Connecticut	Deferred.
Delaware	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Florida [1]	Sept. 2–Nov. 10.
Georgia	Deferred.
Maine	Sept. 1–Nov. 7
Maryland	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Massachusetts	Sept. 1–Nov. 7
New Hampshire	Closed.
New Jersey	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
New York:	
Long Island	Closed.
Remainder of State	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
North Carolina	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Pennsylvania	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Rhode Island	Sept. 16–Nov. 24.
South Carolina	Oct. 6–Dec. 14
Vermont	Sept. 26–Nov. 29.
Virginia	Deferred.
West Virginia	Deferred.
Seasons in the Mississippi Flyway:	
Alabama	Nov. 10–Jan. 18.
Arkansas	Nov. 7–Jan. 15.
Illinois	Closed.
Indiana	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Iowa	Closed.
Kentucky	Deferred.
Louisiana	Sept. 19–Nov. 27
Michigan	Deferred.
Minnesota	Deferred.
Mississippi	Sept. 12–Sept. 20 and Oct. 24–Dec. 23
Missouri	Closed.
Ohio	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Tennessee	Deferred.
Wisconsin	Deferred.
Seasons in the Central Flyway:	
Colorado [2]	Closed.
Kansas	Closed.
Montana [2]	Deferred.
Nebraska	Closed.
New Mexico [2]	Deferred.
North Dakota	Closed.
Oklahoma	Sept. 1–Nov. 8.
South Dakota	Closed.
Texas	Sept. 1–Nov. 9.
Wyoming [2]	Closed.
Seasons in the Pacific Flyway:	
All States and portions thereof	Deferred.

[1] The gallinule season in Florida applies to the common gallinule only. There is no open season on the purple gallinule in Florida.

[2] Seasons apply to Central Flyway portion of State only.

NOTE.—States with deferred seasons may select gallinule seasons at the time they select their waterfowl seasons in August. Consult waterfowl regulations to be published later for information concerning these later seasons.

(d) *Waterfowl and coots in Atlantic, Mississippi, Central and Pacific Flyways.*

Atlantic Flyway

Flywaywide Restrictions

Shooting (including hawking) hours: One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except as otherwise restricted:

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	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
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Florida: Ducks, no more than 1 of which may be a species other than teal or wood ducks, and the possession limit will be double the daily bag limit.	Sept. 26–Sept. 30.	4	8
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Mississippi Flyway: Shooting (including hawking) hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily except as otherwise restricted.			
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Iowa: Ducks	Sept. 19–Sept. 23.	(1)	(1)
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Kentucky: Ducks, no more than 1 of which may be a species other than teal or wood ducks, and the possession limit will be double the daily bag limit.	Sept. 19–Sept. 23.	4	8
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Tennessee (2): Ducks, no more than 1 of which may be a species other than teal or wood ducks, and the possession limit will be double the daily bag limit.	Sept. 19–Sept. 23.	4	8
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[1] Limits to conform to those set for the regular season.

[2] In Tennessee, no canvasbacks may be taken on Kentucky Lake north of I-40.

6. Section 20.106 is amended by revising the introductory paragraph, (d), and (g) to read as follows:

§ 20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for sandhill cranes.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, open seasons are prescribed for taking sandhill cranes with a daily bag limit of three and a possession limit of six, and with shooting hours from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset in the following areas for the dates indicated:

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(d) In North Dakota, in the counties of Benson, Burleigh, Emmons, Kidder, McHenry, Pierce, and Stutsman the inclusive season dates are September 5 through September 13 and in the

counties of McLean and Sheridan, the inclusive season dates are September 5 through September 20, 1981. In the South Dakota counties of Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Dewey, and Corson the inclusive season dates are September 20 through September 28, 1981.

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(g) Each hunter participating in the sandhill crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his possession while hunting sandhill cranes a Federal sandhill crane hunting permit available without cost from conservation agencies in the States where crane hunting seasons are allowed. The permit must be displayed to an authorized law enforcement official upon request.

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7. Section 20.109 is amended as follows:

§ 20.109 Extended seasons, limits, and hours for taking migratory game birds by falconry.

Subject to the applicable provisions of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), the hawking hours, and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Daily bag limit.....3 singly or in the aggregate
Possession limit..... 6 singly or in the aggregate

These limits apply during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons.

Hawking hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset daily.

Check State regulations for additional restrictions.

Florida:	
Mourning doves	Oct. 3–Jan. 17.
Rails and gallinules	Sept. 2–Dec. 17.
Woodcock	Oct. 31–Feb. 14.
Common snipe	Nov. 7–Feb. 21.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 17–Dec. 6 and Dec. 12–Jan. 17.
Maryland:	
Mourning doves	Sept. 1–Oct. 10 and Nov. 11–Jan. 15.
Rails and gallinules	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Woodcock	Oct. 12–Nov 27 and Dec. 3–Jan. 31.
Common snipe	Sept. 14–Dec. 29.
Sea ducks only	Oct. 6–Jan. 20.
Pennsylvania:	
Mourning doves	Sept. 1–Dec. 12.
Woodcock and snipe	Oct. 17–Jan. 8.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 3–Jan. 8.
Virginia:	
Mourning doves, rails, and woodcock.	Sept. 21–Dec. 7 and Dec. 19–Jan. 31.
Snipe	Oct. 17–Jan. 31.
Illinois:	
Mourning doves, rails, and woodcock.	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Snipe	Sept. 12–Dec. 27.
Teal	Sept. 12–Sept. 20.
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 1–Jan. 6.
Michigan:	
Rails, woodcock, and snipe	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese.	Oct. 3–Jan. 17.
Minnesota: Woodcock, rails, and snipe	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
Mississippi: Mourning doves only	Oct. 5–Oct. 16 and Nov. 14–Dec. 8.
Missouri: Mourning doves only	Sept. 1–Dec. 16.
New Mexico:	
Daily bag and possession limits in New Mexico are 2 and 4, respectively, singly or in the aggregate of migratory species named below and resident game species.	
Mourning doves, white-winged doves, and band-tailed pigeons.	Sept. 1–Nov 16 and Nov 21–Dec. 20.
Sandhill cranes only in Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt Counties.	Oct 17–Jan. 17.
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules.	Oct. 17–Jan. 17.
Geese	Oct 31–Jan. 17.
Texas: Mourning doves, white-winged doves, rails, and gallinules.	Sept 1–Dec. 16.
Wyoming (Statewide): (1)	
Mourning doves	Sept. 1–Oct. 15.
Rails and Snipe	Sept. 26–Dec. 4.
Idaho:	
Mourning doves only	Sept. 1–Oct. 20.
Snipe, ducks, mergansers, and coots.	Oct. 3–Jan. 17.

(1) In Wyoming, the limits for rails and snipe are 2 daily and in possession, singly or in the aggregate.

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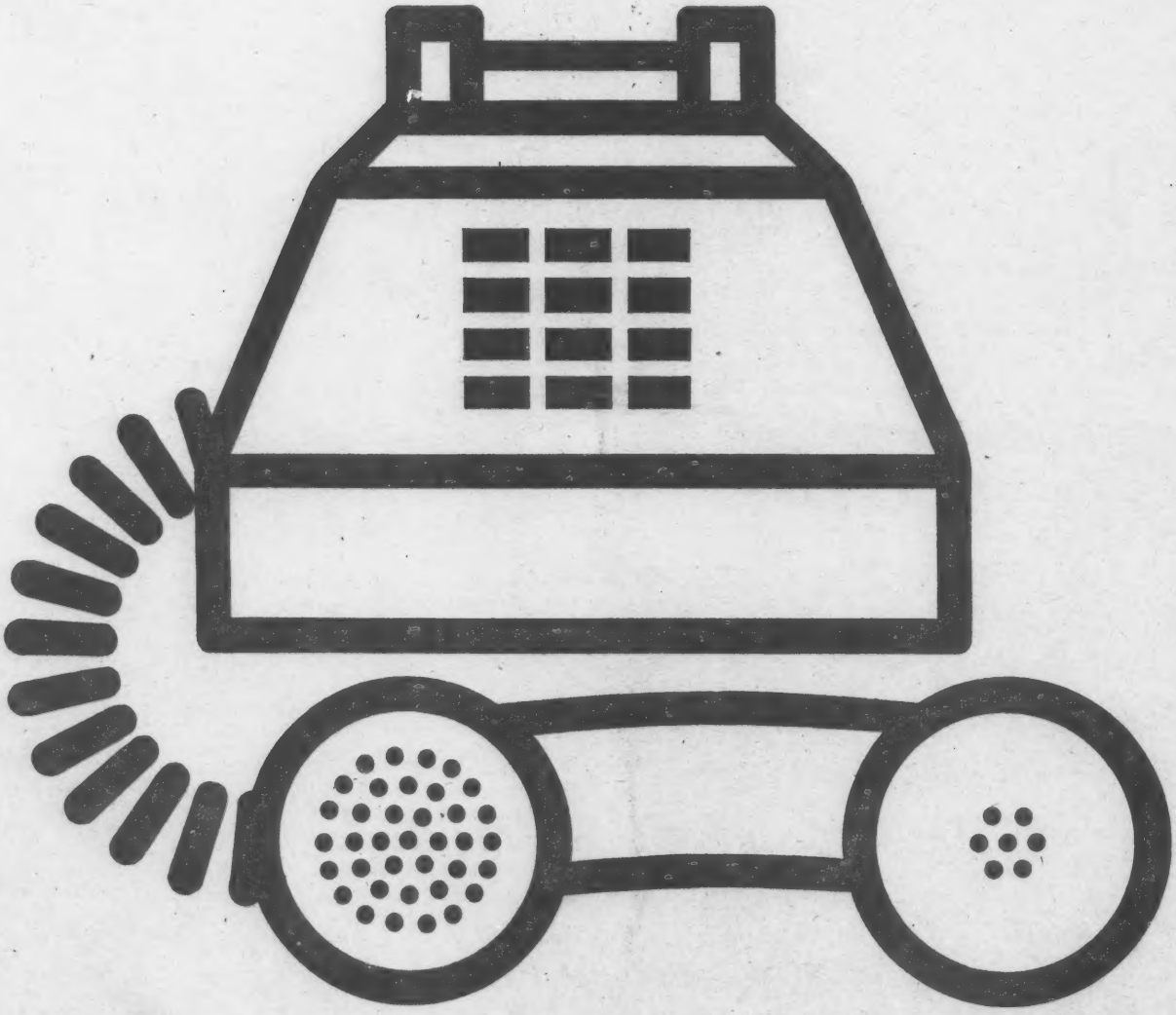
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